

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-7 (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The pulse wave measuring apparatus according to claim 1 A pulse wave measuring apparatus comprising:~~

a housing having a protective cover, a case body having an opening, and a base body; and a pressure sensing section having a pressure sensing surface, mounted inside of the housing and moving freely upwardly and downwardly between a measuring position at which the pressure sensing surface is pressed to a human body to measure a pulse wave and a waiting position at which the pressure sensing section is accommodated inside of the housing,

the protective cover protecting the pressure sensing section in a state where the pressure sensing section is located at the waiting position, wherein

the housing is constructed of a case body accommodating accommodates the pressure sensing section and [[a]] the base body is adapted to fix fixing the case body to a human body, wherein the opening is provided in the case body,

the base body has an insertion hole to accommodate so that the pressure sensing section is adapted to move moving between the waiting position and the measuring position in a freely, upwardly and downwardly movable manner,

the case body is mounted to the base body so that the case body can slide along the base body between a first position at which the pressure sensing surface faces the insertion hole and a second position at which the pressure sensing surface does not face the insertion hole, and the protective cover faces the pressure sensing surface in a state where the case body is located at the second position.

9. (Previously presented) The pulse wave measuring apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the pressure sensing section is located at the waiting position and a distance between the protective cover and the pressure sensing surface in a state where the case body is located at the second position is more than a moving distance of the pressure sensing section moving between the waiting position and the measuring position.